



Field Trip Fees & Fundraising March 19, 2024

The stance of the Board to this point has been that the cost of curriculum-related, classroom fieldtrips is covered entirely by the school or division. Schools will use allocated operating budgets or available school funds to cover this type of field trip cost. All proposed or requested field trips cannot be supported so schools set limits of criteria for supportable field trips. That criteria may include equity across grades/subjects, unique opportunities that arise, annual experiences, or other school-set boundaries.

The cost for extra-curricular and/or optional field trips can be supported partially or fully by the school based upon availability of appropriate funds. Fees for these types of trips or activities can be charged to students and their families. Schools have fundraised specifically for extra-curricular or optional field trips.

Schools have also participated in general fundraising activities to create a school fund of money that would be used to support school-wide or classroom activities. As long as these fundraising activities have remained as an opt-in model for student/family participation, and they are used equitably to support all students, they have been permitted.

Clarity of intent from the Board with regard to charging students/families is important. With clear direction, the Superintendent's team can make sure that procedures and communications are clear to schools in the area of charging fees and/or fundraising to support both required curricular activities as well as optional extra-curricular activities.

The Superintendent's team would like to affirm the above-stated practice as the accurate views of the Board and will then be able to craft clear communication and supporting procedures moving forward.